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Peter A. Moore, Jr., Clerk  
U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of NC

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION

NO. 5:25-CR-00001-M

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :  
 :  
 v. : **CONSENT PRELIMINARY**  
 : **ORDER OF FORFEITURE**  
 TRAVIS BLAKE MORGAN :

WHEREAS, the above-named defendant has pleaded guilty pursuant to a written plea agreement to the single-count Information, charging the defendant with conspired with others, known and unknown, to knowingly and willfully engage in the business of dealing in firearms without a license, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(a)(1)(A) and 924, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code Section 371;

AND WHEREAS, the defendant consents to the terms of this Order and to the forfeiture of the property that is the subject of this Order of Forfeiture; stipulates and agrees that each firearm and ammunition was involved in or used in the offense(s) to which he pleaded guilty, or was in the defendant's possession or immediate control at the time of arrest, and is therefore subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1) and/or 18 U.S.C. § 3665;

AND WHEREAS, the defendant stipulates and agrees that the defendant individually, or in combination with one or more co-defendants, has or had an ownership, beneficial, possessory, or other legal interest in and/or exercised dominion and control over each item of property that is subject to forfeiture herein;

AND WHEREAS, the defendant knowingly and expressly agrees to waive the requirements of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 11(b)(1)(J), 32.2(a), 32.2(b)(1), 32.2(b)(4), and 43(a), including waiver of any defect respecting notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument or the plea colloquy; waiver of the right to a hearing to present additional evidence respecting the forfeitability of any specific property or the amount of any forfeiture money judgment; waiver of the right to be present during any judicial proceeding respecting the forfeiture of the property that is the subject of this Order of Forfeiture or to receive further notice of the same; waiver of any defect respecting the announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing; and waiver of any defect respecting the inclusion of the forfeiture in the Court's judgment;

AND WHEREAS, the defendant knowingly and expressly agrees that the provisions of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture are intended to, and shall, survive the defendant's death, notwithstanding the abatement of any underlying criminal conviction after the entry of this Order; and that the forfeitability of any particular property identified herein shall be determined as if defendant had survived, and that determination shall be binding upon defendant's heirs, successors and assigns until the agreed forfeiture, including any agreed money judgment amount, is collected in full;

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the Memorandum of Plea Agreement, the stipulations of the parties, and all of the evidence of record in this case, the Court FINDS as fact and CONCLUDES as a matter of law that there is a nexus between each item of property listed below and the offense(s) to which the defendant has

pleaded guilty, and that the defendant (or any combination of defendants in this case) has or had an interest in the property to be forfeited,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. The following property is forfeited to the United States pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(2) and 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(d) and 3665, and 26 U.S.C. § 5872:

Personal Property:

- a) One Geissele model SD-556 caliber rifle, with an obliterated serial number recovered on August 8, 2024, from a storage unit at Apex, North Carolina, and any and all associated magazines and ammunition;
- b) One unknown make, model AKM, 7.62x39mm rifle, bearing no serial number, marked KAM, recovered on August 8, 2024, from a storage unit at Apex, North Carolina, and any and all associated magazines and ammunition;
- c) One Ceska zbrojovka (Czech Armory), model vz-61, 7.65mm (32 ACP) rifle, having no serial number, marked "J 4072," recovered on August 8, 2024, from a storage unit at Apex, North Carolina, and any and all associated magazines and ammunition;
- d) One black in color suppressor for an AR style rifle, bearing no serial number, recovered on August 24, 2024, from a storage unit at Apex, North Carolina, and any and all associated magazines and ammunition;

- e) One Polish PM-63 RAK rifle, bearing serial number GG3892, recovered on August 31, 2024, at Raleigh, North Carolina, and any and all associated magazines and ammunition.
- f) Two black lower receivers (firearms), bearing no serial numbers on the receivers, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- g) VZ 61 Skorpion, pistol, serial number J4633, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- h) VZ 61 Skorpion pistol, serial number V9351, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- i) VZ 61 Skorpion pistol, serial number J4410, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- j) VZ 61 Skorpion pistol, serial number V3778, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- k) One AK-style Rifle, make and model unknown, bearing no serial number on the frame or receiver, number on stock 31398, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- l) One 9x19 Uzi submachinegun with silencer, bearing serial number 813746, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;

- m) One Black AR-Platform Rifle, make and model unknown, bearing no serial number, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- n) Eight AR lower receivers (firearms) milled to receive auto sears bearing no serial numbers on the receivers, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- o) One AK-47 Trigger pack components seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- p) Five Jig Sets, including one metal jig set, components to build firearms, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- q) An unknown make and model Tan Rifle, new in package, bearing no serial number, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- r) One lower receiver and trigger, new in package, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- s) Three sets of firearm trigger assembly parts, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- t) All 5.56mm rifle ammunition and assorted magazines, loaded and unloaded, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- u) Six boxes containing .32 caliber ammunition, seized on October 2,

- 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- v) Two plastic containers, one plastic bag, and one cardboard box containing .308 ammunition, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
  - w) One plastic container containing 7.62 ammunition, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
  - x) Thirty rounds of rifle ammunition, caliber unknown, and magazine, seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
  - y) Gun parts seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
  - z) Alliant Pro Reach shotgun shell powder seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
  - aa) Hodgdon Benchmark Precision Target Rifle powder seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
  - bb) Hodgdon CFE Pistol Powder seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
  - cc) Pyrodex Muzzleloading Propellant RS seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
  - dd) One AK Builder Tool seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North

- Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- ee) One AR Combo Tool seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- ff) One Vice jib seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- gg) Three Metal Threaders seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- hh) One L312 Signal illumination ground white star parachute M127A1 Lot # 5GK14J023-005 in soft case seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;;
- ii) One M83 Smoke TA Lot # 20M522-001 seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- jj) One M18 Smoke Green Lot # PB-17-C315-004 seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- kk) One M18 Smoke Green Lot # PB-19-K319-003 seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- ll) One M83 Smoke TA Lot # PB-20M522-001 seized on October 2, 2024, from 175 North Moore Road, Robbins, North Carolina 27325;
- mm) Assorted Ammunition Casings seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- nn) One Barrell Press Kit seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;

- oo) One Barrell Bedding Tool seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- pp) One Glock Lower Parts Kit seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- qq) One Assorted Ammunition Holder seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- rr) Six rounds of handgun ammunition, caliber 9mm, seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- ss) One Pistol Magazine seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- tt) One Pistol Slide seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- uu) Sixteen rounds of rifle ammunition, caliber 7.62mm, seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- vv) One 7.62 Magazine, black in color, seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- ww) One 7.62 Magazine, camo in color, seized on October 2, 2024, from 6501 Mt. Herman Road, Raleigh, NC 27617;
- xx) One Homemade Suppressor purchased from the person of Travis Morgan on August 31, 2024.

2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3), the U.S. Attorney General, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Homeland Security, or a designee is



authorized to seize, inventory, and otherwise maintain custody and control of the property, whether held by the defendant or by a third-party. **Any person who knowingly destroys, damages, wastes, disposes of, transfers, or otherwise takes any action with respect to the property, or attempts to do so, for the purpose of preventing or impairing the Government's lawful authority to take such property into its custody or control or to continue holding such property under its lawful custody and control, may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2232(a).**

3. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3) and 32.2(c)(1)(B), the United States is authorized to conduct any discovery pursuant to the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure needed to identify, locate, or dispose of the above-referenced property, or other substitute assets, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and for admission, and the issuance of subpoenas.

4. If and to the extent required by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6), 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), and/or other applicable law, the United States shall provide notice of this Order and of its intent to dispose of the specified real and/or personal property listed above, by publishing and sending notice in the same manner as in civil forfeiture cases, as provided in Rule G(4) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions. The United States shall then file a Notice with the Court documenting for the record: (1) proof of publication, or the government's reliance on an exception to the publication requirement found in Supplemental Rule G(4)(a)(i); and (2) the government's efforts to send direct notice to all known potential

third-party claimants in accordance with Supplemental Rule G(4)(b)(iii), or a representation that no other potential claimants are known to the government. This Order shall not take effect as the Court's Final Order of Forfeiture until an appropriate Notice has been filed and the time in which any third parties with notice of the forfeiture are permitted by law to file a petition has expired.

**5. Any person other than the above-named defendant, having or claiming any legal interest in the subject property must, within 30 days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier, petition the Court to adjudicate the validity of the asserted interest pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(1) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2). The petition must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth: the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the subject property; the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title, or interest in the property; any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim; and the relief sought. The petition may be hand-delivered to the Clerk at any federal courthouse within the Eastern District of North Carolina or mailed to the following address:**

U.S. District Court Clerk  
Eastern District of North Carolina  
P.O. Box 25670  
Raleigh, NC 27611

6. The United States shall serve this Order on all counsel of record for any co-defendant in this criminal matter. Such service shall constitute notice of the forfeiture to each co-defendant who has appeared in this case within the purview of Supplemental Rule G(4)(b)(iii)(B). **Any co-defendant who desires to preserve his/her right to contest the forfeiture of any of the property identified herein must, no later than 30 days after entry of this Order, file a valid petition pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n) and/or other appropriate objection as to why the forfeiture should not become final.** If no such filing is docketed within the allotted time, each non-objecting co-defendant shall be deemed to have waived any right to contest the forfeiture, this Order shall become a Final Order of Forfeiture as to the property without a separate Preliminary Order of Forfeiture being entered as to that co-defendant or incorporated into that co-defendant's criminal judgment, and the rights of that co-defendant in the subject property, if any, shall be extinguished.

7. If one or more timely petitions are received by the Court, the Court will enter a separate scheduling order governing the conduct of any forfeiture ancillary proceedings under Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c). Following the Court's disposition of all timely filed petitions, a Final Order of Forfeiture that amends this Order as necessary to account for any third-party rights shall be entered pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6). The receipt of a petition as to one or more specific items of property shall not delay this Order of Forfeiture from becoming final, in

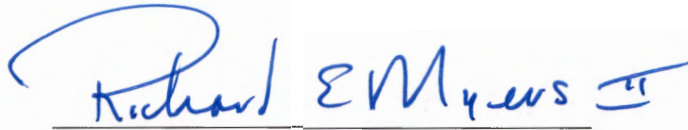
accordance with the following paragraph, as to any remaining property to which no petition has been filed.

8. If no third party files a timely petition, or if this Court denies and/or dismisses all third party petitions timely filed, this Order shall become the Final Order of Forfeiture, as provided by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2), and the United States shall dispose of the property according to law, including without limitation liquidation by sale or any other commercially feasible means, destruction, and/or retention or transfer of an asset for official use. The United States shall have clear title to the property and may warrant good title to any subsequent purchaser or transferee pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7). If any firearm or ammunition subject to this Order is in the physical custody of a state or local law enforcement agency at the time this Order is entered, the custodial agency is authorized to dispose of the forfeited property by destruction or incapacitation in accordance with its regulations, when no longer needed as evidence.

9. Upon sentencing and issuance of the Judgment and Commitment Order, the Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to incorporate a reference to this Order of Forfeiture in the applicable section of the Judgment, as required by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(B). In accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A), with the defendant's consent, this Order shall be final as to the defendant upon entry.

10. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

SO ORDERED, this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.




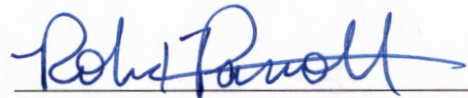
RICHARD E. MYERS II  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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